

Cabin Chronicles

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Fire on the mountain



Troop 7 watching the sunset on the Appalachian Trail

Troop 7 had another memorable trip to the Virginia section of the Appalachian Trail. As usual, we stayed at Blackburn Cabin. The bulk of the day on Saturday was spent touring Antietam National Battlefield. We hiked most of the battlefield and stopped along the way to learn about the events that happened back in September 1862, courtesy of readings by Jacob Nardi, Simon Goff and Nate Clarke. On our return back to the cabin, Mr. Cavallaro refused to let a lousy brushfire get in his way, so he four-wheeled it through a Philly-friendly neighbor's woods and creek to go around the fire. We topped off Saturday with a hike to our favorite lookout on the AT for a great sunset, followed by feasts prepared in the kitchen by Andrew Heckman's and Jack McKeown's patrols. We look forward to our next visit here!

Upcoming Outings

Troop 108 Cabin Trip - Mar 13-15

For our March trip, we are going camping at Troop 108's campground in nearby East Greenville, PA. We will have access to the troop's nine acres of property, which features Adirondack shelters and a cabin with bunks and a wood burning stove. [Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)

Elk Mountain Trails Trip - Apr 17-19

More details to follow.

Whitewater Challengers Rafting - May 15-17

More details to follow.

March Troop Activities

March 4 - Troop meeting, 7:30 to 8:45 PM

March 7 - Cabin work day, 8 AM to 12 PM

March 7 - Pack 7 Blue and Gold, 5:30 PM

March 11 - Troop meeting, 7:30 to 8:45 PM

March 13-15 - 2020 Troop 108 Cabin Trip

March 18 - Troop meeting, 7:30 to 8:45 PM

March 25 - PLC @ 7:00 PM, Adult Leadership Committee Meeting @ 8:00 PM **(no troop meeting)**

From your PLC - Upcoming Meeting Agendas

March 4th • Theme: Wilderness Survival, Part 1 • Requirement 1: Jack McKeown • Requirement 2: Jacob Donohue • Requirement 9: Andrew Heckman • Requirement 11: Josh Watson • Game: Nate Clarke	March 11th • WELCOME NEW SCOUTS! • Theme: Wilderness Survival, Part 2 • Requirement 3: Jacob Leinhauser • Requirement 4: Jacob Nardi • Requirement 5: Harry Hagner • Requirement 12: Nate Clarke • Game: Nate Clarke
March 13-15 Camping Trip • Theme: Wilderness Survival, Part 3 • Complete Requirements 6, 7, 8 and 10	March 18th • Introductory scout skills instruction using the EDGE Method, PLC to new scouts • Patrol Meetings (Evan Butow with new scouts) • Game: Andrew Heckman, Pheasant Patrol

For any scouts listed here, please consult with adult leadership if you have any questions about your meeting plan, including whether you may need equipment or supplies in order to lead a successful meeting.

Recruiting

It's that time of year when Webelos are approaching the bridge to cross over to Boy Scouts. If you know anyone looking for a Troop please tell them about Troop 7 and let Jon Hoffman or Brian Holton know.

Leadership Training Course Coming In May!

Looking to improve your leadership skills? Then sign up for the National Youth Leadership Training Program! The program runs two consecutive weekends, Friday May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd, and Friday, May 8th – Sunday, May 10th, and both weekend sessions will be held at Camp Ware. You must be able to attend both weekends in order to complete the course.

Chester County Council's National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all 13- to 20-year-old youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the weekends as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership!

Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

[For more information on the program, including requirements plus a link to register, click on this link.](#)

Please note that the program has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old by May 1st.

Troop 7 will subsidize \$125.00 of the fee for scouts of First Class rank and above. If you might need further assistance, please see me at an upcoming meeting. Interest is already running high. Please consider taking the opportunity to participate in this excellent program!

Troop Dues - Now overdue

We are now collecting dues for the 2019-2020 scouting year. Please [review this letter](#) for more information. You can pay dues [online by clicking here](#), by check or via Paypal to malvern.troop7.treasurer@gmail.com. Dues should have been paid by the end of February, please sent them in ASAP or speak with Rich Cavallaro or Brian Holton if you need assistance..

2019-2020 Troop Calendar

The remaining trips for 2020 have been added to the calendar! We are continually updating the schedule for the 2019-2020 Scouting Season. [You can review the Google calendar for Troop 7 at any time here.](#) [You can also subscribe to the calendar using this simple procedure.](#)

Cabin workday - March 7

As we move towards spring, our cabin needs some outdoor work completed. Scouts and parents, we need you! Please join us anytime between 8 am and 12 noon this coming Saturday March 7. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Our list includes log moving, raking, brush cleanup and fire wood stacking. Low spots in the turf will be leveled and grass seed will be spread where needed. Indoors, a general cleanup list will need to be completed. Plan on arriving with gloves and a rake if possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 610 331 3700 or gosborl@gmail.com

Thank you, Dan Goff

OA Update

Please note the remaining OA service weekends for the 2019-2020 scouting year.

- April 24-26
- May 29-31

Section NE-6B Conclave will be held in Fort Littelton, PA the weekend of June 5-7. Also, if you have not paid your dues for the 2019-2020 scouting year please do so ASAP. For more information or to pay your dues visit the [Octoraro Lodge 22 website](#).

Youth Protection Training - A message from Scott Nolan

Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Scott Nolan, Parent Training Coordinator for Troop 7. We are all very close and we want to be as much a part of our family as you are willing to be. Troop 7 welcomes your involvement and we would like you to feel free to share in many of these experiences with your scout. There are so many exciting trips, and it means so much to them when we get involved. While we welcome your participation, we must ask you to do us a small favor. We ask that if you are interested in attending overnight trips, you complete the Youth Protection Certification course online. This must be done before you can attend any overnight trips. It is very painless, and only requires a little over an hour to view 4 short training videos. This can be done at once or over a short period of time. I am more than happy to help you navigate through the website to complete it- Feel free to contact me @ 510sknolan@gmail.com. Again, on behalf of Troop 7 I would like to welcome you to our family. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Swapbox

Did you know that you can get free gear on the second floor of the cabin? We have many items including hiking boots, backpacks and other gear for Scouts to use on trips. And the best part is they are free! We just ask that if you take from these items that you some day consider giving back when your Scout Eagles out of the troop.

Open call for the Cabin Development Committee

The Malvern Memorial Cabin Development Committee is looking for new members. The development committee meets monthly on Mondays at Christopher's in Malvern. Their task is to organize fundraising and other community outreach for the cabin. The cabin is not owned by the troop but Troop 7 is the main caretaker of the cabin's maintenance interests. That is why we have separate fundraisers for the troop and the cabin. If interested in cabin development, please reach out to Rich Cavallaro at richcavallarojr@gmail.com.

Adult Leadership Committee

On the final Wednesday of every month, leadership meetings replace the normal weekly troop meetings. **There is no regular troop meeting on this day.** Instead, patrol leaders and higher-ranked Scouts meet at 7:00 for the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC). And Adult Leaders meet at 8:00. While most Scout members of this meeting are elected or appointed, all interested adults are invited and encouraged to attend the Adult meeting at 8:00. We always welcome new members to help administer to the troop. Please contact Rich Cavallaro if interested in attending at richcavallarojr@gmail.com or 215.313.1660.

Scoutbook

Troop 7 uses Scoutbook.com to track advancement progress for the Scouts. At this time we only use the website for advancement. **We would like for all Troop 7 families to login to the site ASAP. In order for the Scouts to use it, a parent must enable their account on the Scoutbook website.** Committee members will be available at regularly scheduled Troop meetings to answer questions on navigation. <https://www.scoutbook.com/>

Facebook and Instagram

Have you liked Troop 7 on [Facebook](#) or followed us on [Instagram](#)? These are both great spots to download trip-related photos and to see what the Troop is doing.

Submissions for Newsletter

Again, new ideas and content for the newsletter are always welcome, please send to malverntroop7@gmail.com